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December 30, 2004

Ms. Zarka Popovic  
City Administrator  
City of Williams  
801 E Street  
Williams, CA 95987

Dear Ms. Popovic:

**RE: Review of the City of Williams' Amended Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Williams' revisions to the adopted housing element received for review on November 22, 2004, and adopted by the City on December 20, 2004. As you know, the Department is required to review adopted housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(h). Telephone conversations with you, Mr. Stan Eisner, City Planner, and Ms. Carrier Diltz, the City's consultant, facilitated the review. The Department has expedited its review to facilitate your application for the Workforce Housing Incentive Grant Program.

The adopted element addresses the statutory requirements described in the Department's June 24, 2004 review. Therefore, the Department is pleased to find the element in compliance with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code).

The Department commends Williams for its commitment to rezone 40 acres to R3 or R4, providing more opportunities for multifamily housing development. The element will serve as an effective tool in meeting the housing needs of existing and future residents including Williams' families and workers. As you know, pursuant to Government Code 65400, Williams must annually report on its progress in implementing the housing element. In particular, the City should report on its progress in implementing Programs 2.1 and 2.2. The annual implementation reports are required to be completed and submitted to the local legislative body and this Department by October 1 of each year.

The Department wishes the City success in its implementation of the housing element. If we can provide any assistance to facilitate the City's efforts to implement its housing and land-use strategies, please contact Margaret Murphy, of our staff, at (916) 445-5888.

In accordance with requests pursuant to the Public Records Act, we are forwarding copies of this letter to the persons and organizations listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy E. Creswell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathy" and last name "Creswell" clearly legible.

Cathy E. Creswell  
Deputy Director

cc: Jim Manning, City Planner, City of Williams  
Carri Diltz, Consultant, Quad Knopf, Inc.  
Mark Stivers, Senate Committee on Transportation & Housing  
Suzanne Ambrose, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, AG's Office  
Terry Roberts, Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
Nick Cammarota, California Building Industry Association  
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